

Cross of Christ Church Council

Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2024, 6 PM

Mission Statement: As a fellowship of believers, it is our mission to joyfully proclaim the gospel of Christ in the word and deed, inviting people to worship together, nurturing them in the Christian faith, loving one another and serving a world in need.

Officers	P	A	Pastors	P	A	Cabinet	P	A	Cabinet	P	A
Sandy Erickson (President)	X		Pr. Dana Jackson	X		Steve Halvorson (Finance)	X		Tyler Marshall (Stewardship)	X	
Brad Hongerholt (Vice President)	X					Jessica Brand (Youth and Family)	X		Ron Evenson (Personnel)	X	
Marsha Benson (Secretary)	X					Keith Herek (C of C Building)	X		Kathy Olson (Worship and Music)	X	
Patrick Forsyth (Financial Admin)	X					Chuck Halvorson (C of C Grounds)	X		Heather Reay (Education)	X	
Karen Christensen (Financial Secretary)		X				Mike Berg (Evangelism)	X		Wayne Runningen (Stone Church)	X	
			Elsie Olson (Co-Chair WELCA)	X		Lyn Halvorson (Co-Chair WELCA)	X		Caitlin Brand (C of C Youth Rep)	X	

1) Call to order – 6:00 pm

President: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Council: Amen.

2) Devotions-Pastor Dana Jackson

3) Review of the Agenda

4) Reports –

a. Pastor’s Report:

Rotation Bible School

-Rotations: Makers Space; Cooking; Theater

-Themes:

Jan 21, Feb 4 & 11 Noah’s Ark

Feb 25, March 3 & 10 The Good Samaritan

March 17, 24 and April 17 The Empty Tomb

April 14, 21, 28 Jesus Feeds 5000

-Grades

Preschool and Kindergarten-8 kids registered.

Grades 1st, 2nd and 3rd-15 kids registered.

Grades 4th, 5th and 6th-13 kids registered.

Holden Evening Prayer Wednesdays in Lent

-Lenten Soup Suppers will be served from 5:30 pm-6:15 pm.

- Club 56 will sing a welcoming song at the beginning of worship.
- Confirmation Class will be our Worship Leaders, play bells and be Pew Friends.
- Three of our high school students will be leading the singing for Holden Service.

Valley View and Heritage Court Worship

-Cross of Christ provides Worship with Communion on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at Valley View (10 am) and Heritage Court (10:45 am). Shelley Jerviss is the accompanist at these services.

- b. President's Report – It's Pastor Dana's one year anniversary with Cross of Christ.
 - c. Secretary's Report- Council meeting minutes from January 16, 2024
Motion to approve the January 16, 2024, Church Council minutes by Jessica Brand, and seconded by Mike Berg. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Financial Administrator's Report-Giving was down in January but can be made up later in the year. The additional 5% approved by the congregation at the annual meeting is included in the budget. A motion to approve the financial report made by Ron Evenson, seconded by Wayne Runningen. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Cabinet Reports
- a) Education-No report
 - b) Evangelism - Brad and Mike will be going to the Hunger Task Force on March 5th. The congregation donated 106 pounds of food during last Sunday's service. Reported by Mike Berg.
 - c) Finance -The finance cabinet, Amy Kulas and committee member Gwen Rostad met with Patrick Forsyth at Bluff Country Financial on January 23, 2024, to review and audit the church financials from 2023. January finished about \$2621 worse/below budget. We budgeted for a deficit of (\$13,142) and the actual deficit was (\$15,763). Giving was down a little (\$2412) compared with budget, but it's not a concern this early in the year. Total expenses were slightly below budget. All cabinets came in very close to January's budget. The Memorial account had a good month. We had two relatively large donations in January: \$2000 for the Stone Church sound system project from Joel Twaiten and \$3000 for the Stone Church building fund from a former area resident who now lives in Iowa. I'm not sure if he wants to be recognized but Karen has the information for Church Windows.
 - No activity in the Youth account.
 - Submitted by Bluff Country Financial
 - d) C of C Grounds -The parking lot lights are complete. Snow shoveling issues resolved. Chuck spoke with the guys doing the work. The snowblower brought in \$390 at the auction which, for now, will go into the Miscellaneous Fund. Submitted by Chuck Halvorson
 - e) C of C Building - Keith spoke of a service offered by some insurance companies to monitor a building's electrical system.
 - f) Stone Church and Cemetery – Preparations are being made for the car show and brat sale.
 - g) Stewardship & Mission - Tyler and his group are discussing fundraising ideas for the carpet project.
 - h) Worship & Music - No report.
 - i) Youth & Family – Volunteers are needed for the Owl Fest pancake breakfast. We are short of workers as many of the confirmands have other commitments that day. Club 56 will be asked to help.

j) WELCA: WELCA women have been busy the first part of this year. The booklets were completed and will be sent to those unable to pick them up. February 12th and 13th were Do Days and 21 quilts were completed. The next Do Days will be March 18th and 19th. The Valentine Brunch was a big success A total of 116 women attended. Tessa Lemke was the program speaker. Cross of Christ will take part in World Day of Prayer on Friday March 1st at Looney Valley Church at 130 pm. Submitted by Elsie Olson

k) Youth Representative - No report

6. Old Business: Rental policy will be addressed in the future.

7. New Business: Sunday, April 21st will be roadside cleanup.

8. Open Discussion:

9. Calendar –Upcoming events.....

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| • February 21 & 28 | 5:30 Soup Supper/6:30 Lenten Worship |
| • February 24 | 9:00 Ladies Bible Study |
| • February 27 | 6:00 Stone Church Summer Events planning mtg. |
| • March 1 | 1:30 World Day of Prayer (Looney Valley Church) |
| • March 2 | 8-11 Owl Pancake Breakfast |
| • March 3 | Worship w/Installation of Officers/Noisy Offering/Sunday School |
| • March 6 & 13 | 11:00 Prayer Group/5:30 Soup Supper/6:30 Lenten Worship |
| • March 10 | Worship-Daylight Savings |
| • March 12 | 6:00 Executive Cabinet Meeting. |
| • March 17 | St. Patrick's Day |
| • March 17 | Worship w/Caring Collection/Baptism |
| • March 18 | WELCA Do Days with Potluck (noon business mtg) |
| • March 19 | WELCA Do Days with Potluck/Council Mtg./First Day of Spring |
| • March 19 | 6:00 Church Council Meeting |

10. Benediction

President: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit order our days and our deeds in his peace.

Council: Amen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Benson, Secretary

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